

MORE LEVEE BREAKS

GREAT CREVASSE AT FLOWER
LAKE, BELOW TUNICA, MISS.

WILL FLOOD A LARGE AREA

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Another Break Reported Below Helena, Ark.—Condition of Poorer Classes in Inundated Districts Is Pitiable—Worst Yet to Come.

Memphis, Tenn., April 4.—Another disastrous break in the Mississippi levee occurred this morning at 8 o'clock at Fowlerville, six miles below Tunica, Miss. The crevasse, while not yet of great width, is fully fifteen feet deep and the water is pouring through the opening with great velocity. This will probably be the most destructive break that has occurred in the Delta. The most fertile farm lands are

Mississippi, lying in Cohoma, Leflore, Quitman and Tallahatchie counties, in the northern part of the state, will be inured and the newly planted corn crops will be laid waste. Fortunately, no loss of life is reported, the inhabitants of this stricken section having made preparation for just such a catastrophe as exists there to-day.

The condition of the poorer classes throughout the flooded area is indeed alarming.

cal to-night. Thousands of refugees are huddled on the levees and spots of land waiting for relief. The towns of Rosedale and Tunica report that everything possible is being done for these poor people, but that funds and provisions are fast becoming exhausted. In the little city of Rosedale alone 1,200 refugees are being cared for by the citizens. Half a hundred towns to-night stand in six feet of water, and the yellow stream is creeping up slowly but

Advices just received tell of a break in the levee two miles south of Helena, Ark. This is the levee for which the people of Southeastern Arkansas have made such desperate fight. The waters from this break will flood a great area and in all probability will back up into the streets of Helena.

ing made an expedition up the St. Francis river. There were on board 150 refugees and 200 head of cattle. The steamer went up the St. Francis river as far as Cutotot and then worked her way down stream, rescuing people from perilous positions. The suffering along the St. Francis river is appalling. The water through the entire neighboring country is to-night from six to fifteen feet deep. The relief board had on board the body of Mr. McMain.

At Memphis to-night, the river is slowly rising again, the gauge registering 36.5 feet. This is a rise of one-tenth since the last report. At points below where the river is rising. It is the general opinion

Tunica, Miss., April 4.—At 8 o'clock this morning the Flower Lake levee, where it crosses Yellow bayou, gave way under the tremendous pressure of water. The crevasse widened rapidly and is now 120 yards wide throughout. The water is rushing in with a deafening sound that only can be

compared to that of Niagara Falls. The levee was twenty feet high at the point where it broke to-day. The people now only on the farms near the break but upon those some distance from the levee the back of it have lost large numbers of cattle.

So rapidly did the crevasse widen that the water rushing through it was sufficient to reach the lake parallel to the Yazoo Mississippi Valley railroad at Bushy station.

The country affected by this break is one of the finest in the delta. It will cause the submergence of the entire southwestern and south central parts of Tunica county. The flood will pass into Coahoma county, overflow the Yazoo river, and flow into the Mississippi river.

lake, broadening as it goes. A portion of the current will travel to Coldwater river through the Yazoo pass, while much of it will travel southward, inundating some of the fairest fields in Coahoma county. Thence it will travel down Casidy bayou and Sunflower river, finally reaching the Yazoo, traversing almost the entire length of the Yazoo and Mississippi levee district in its route, thus causing more injury to the people of this levee district than a break

The river at noon began to fall at Austin four miles above, and had fallen five inches at 5 p. m. During the same time the river fell one-half inch at the Harris farm, eight miles north of the break. Above Austin the levee is two to three feet above the flood plain, but there are no weak places which threaten immediate danger.

New Orleans, April 4.—All day the sun has shone with almost midsummer bright-

ness and the conditions have, naturally, as far as this city is concerned, been exceptionally favorable for the levees. The water is slowly rising. To-day's gauge registers 17.7, one-tenth of a foot above the figure of yesterday, but this was anticipated and no uneasiness is resultant. Along the entire river front of the Crescent City the vigilance of the authorities has not been relaxed in the most remote degree, and absolute local confidence prevails. A

the levees are apparently in splendid condition and able to stand considerable pressure yet.

Reports from Greenville, Miss., state that the Sunday was gloriously fine, but the inhabitants of the town were very naturally in a rather depressed state of mind. Skiffs and water craft of all sorts are much in demand and some of the young people, with the levity that often comes with youth, are making merry with boats.

The most serious crevasse that has ever occurred in the Yazoo delta levee district was reported this morning in Tunica county, six miles below Austin, near a low water lake.

fertile stretch of territory from Memphis bluffs to the Yazoo river, and from the bluffs of Carroll county to the Mississippi river. Coahoma county, Sunflower, Holmes and Tallahatchie counties will be affected by this break, and the water will sweep thousands of acres of land now planted in cotton and corn.

From Natchez, Miss., where last night the river was stationary, comes the report that the water is on the rise, marking a